

**Lincoln, Nebraska
March 9, 2011**

**JUSTICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE
*MEETING MINUTES***

The Justice Behavioral Health Committee (JBHC) of the Community Corrections Council (Council) met Wednesday, March 9, 2011, in room 200, at Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was open to the public and was preceded by advance publicized notice in the Lincoln Journal Star.

Members Present:

Angie Apthorpe
Bonnie Brown
Scott Carlson
Dave Carver
Eleanor Devlin
Troy Greve
Anne Hansen
Jim Harvey
Scott Helvie
Joan Huss
Linda Krutz
Dennis McChargue
Deb Minardi
Mike Overton
Frank Peak
Mike Reddish
Brenda Rohren
Steve Rowoldt, Co-Chair
Julie Scott
Richard Thomas
Mike Tolley
Mark Weilage
Linda Wittmuss, Co-Chair

Members Absent:

Carol Coussons de Reyes
Vickie Frizzell-Pratt
Kathleen Grant
Lori Griggs
Dallas Massey
Travis Parker
Bruce Prenda
T. Hank Robinson
Kathy Seacrest
Barry Walker
Dave Wegner

Council Staff Present:

Tia Bachman
Jeff Beaty

Others Present:

Robin Hinrichs
Lisa Jones
Gary Shoup

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Linda Wittmuss, Associate Regional Administrator, Region V Services, and Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., announced the meeting was subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, and gave an overview of the meeting. Attendance is indicated above.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members reviewed the December 8, 2010 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Mike Overton and seconded by Brenda Rohren to approve the December 8, 2010 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

Brenda Rohren, Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner (LIMHP), Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHP), Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC), and Master Addiction Counselor (MAC), nominated Angie Apthorpe, BA, Provisional Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (PLADC), to fill the Consumer position previously held by Thomas Glen.

A motion was made by Jim Harvey and seconded by Dennis McChargue to elect Angie Apthorpe as the Consumer representative. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

Joan Huss arrived at 9:12 a.m.

Wittmuss said Council staff had been notified that Vickie Frizzell-Pratt is no longer on the Board of Mental Health Practice, which is a requirement for her position on JBHC. Rohren will contact Thomas Maxson, a member of the Board of Mental Health Practice, to determine interest in becoming a member of JBHC.

Travis Parker, LIMHP, Certified Professional Counselor (CPC), and Frank Peak, MPA, Administrator of Partnership in Health, Creighton University Medical Center, have been notified of the meetings and will attend if able. Dave Wegner, Deputy Probation Administrator for Information Systems, will be retiring at the end of May 2011. Restructuring will occur in probation and Steve Rowoldt, Deputy Probation Administrator in Charge of Field Services, and Co-Chair, will also fill the Deputy Probation Administrator for Information Systems position on JBHC. Rowoldt will submit a nomination for the Chief Probation Officer position at the June 8, 2011 meeting.

Scott Carlson, Eleanor Devlin, and Frank Peak arrived at 9:19 a.m.

CURRICULUM SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Wittmuss gave an update on the Performance Rubrics for Addiction and Criminal Justice Professionals (Rubrics). A draft of the Rubrics was presented at the February 18, 2011 Council meeting. Further feedback was provided by Mark Weilage, Ph.D., Assistant Behavioral Health Administrator for Mental Health, Department of Correctional Services (DCS).

The following changes will be made to the Rubrics:

- Add to the Licensed Addictions Professionals Level I and Criminal Justice Personnel Level I: “Understands, values and applies cultural competency.”;
- Change the title “Licensed Addiction Professionals” on page 1: to “Licensed Professionals who work in the Addictions Field”;
- Add after changed title: a list of the professions in parenthesis such as (LADC, LIMHP, LMHP, Licensed Psychologists, LCSW, and provisional licenses);
- Add on page 4 above positions: “The intent of this document is to encompass the various levels of professionals in the field and the understanding that advancing those levels is a critical element to accurately and appropriately address offenders with substance abuse problems.”;
- Add on page 4 below new paragraph: “Examples of where this may apply in various criminal justice systems includes but is not limited to the following positions:”

A motion was made by Jim Harvey and seconded by Dave Carver to officially incorporate the changes discussed, and approve the Addiction and Criminal Justice Performance Assessment Rubrics as a final document. The motion passed by acclimation.

The Rubrics will be emailed to all JBHC members and the final version will be presented to the Council at the May 13, 2011 meeting.

Jim Harvey, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), discussed a substance abuse block grant that includes training and development of substance abuse counselors. DHHS could incorporate the Rubrics into the grant and the currently contracted training facility, Lincoln Medical Education Program (LMEP), could use the Rubrics as a template to provide basic counselor education.

A 10 minute break was called by Wittmuss.
Committee reconvened at 10:19 a.m.

PROVIDER SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Rohren discussed the Provider Sub-committee minutes from the January 6 and February 3, 2011 meetings and gave a progress report on the tasks related to the sub-

committee charge statement. Corrections were made to the progress report that included date changes: June 22, 2010 should read June 9, 2010, and 9-20-10 should read 9-8-10.

Julie Scott, Justice Treatment Systems Specialist, Probation Administration, then discussed the need to measure competency of registered providers who treat criminal justice clients. As requested from the December 8, 2010 meeting, Scott researched two options that could assist with evaluating quality assurance of registered providers: Certified Criminal Justice Addictions Professional (CCJP) credentialing through the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC); and modification of the CCJP exam to include the education and experience needed to work with the criminal justice population as found in the Rubrics.

Nebraska has a Public Licensing Board, DHHS, in place to deliver a test from IC&RC. However, criminal justice is not a part of the standard testing given by the board nor are there any plans to incorporate it. Members agreed it would be too costly and time consuming to create another board to administer a modified CCJP exam and agreed that another test or certification was not a feasible option. Sub-committee members requested feedback from all JBHC members on how to establish standards and how to establish quality assurance.

DATA SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

A Data Sub-committee meeting will be held in April 2011.

JUVENILE JUSTICE UPDATE

Mike Reddish, Office of Juvenile Services (OJS), said the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center (YRTC) Geneva is expanding the Mothers and Babies program. YRTC Geneva and YRTC Kearney will seek fourth generation accreditation from the American Correctional Association (ACA) during 2011. OJS is also working with the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators to improve performance based standards at both facilities. Reddish also noted an increase in the number of juveniles admitted with mental health issues.

SEX OFFENDER PRESENTATION

Shannon Black, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Lincoln Regional Center, discussed how sex offending inmates transition between the release from DCS to Norfolk Regional Center and then to the Lincoln Regional Center. Black also discussed the diagnosed disorders/co-occurring disorders and treatment options of the residents and the need for services once the resident is released.

SEX OFFENDER UPDATE

Rowoldt said DCS, DHHS, Probation Administration and Parole Administration, continue to meet concerning sex offender management throughout the state and the

resources needed to continue treatment. Weilage said training in the programmatic model for treating sex offenders and the application of behavior therapy for sex offenders will be offered in 2011. Also in 2011, trainers will be certified in risk assessment instruments that will allow continuous training in Nebraska.

PROBATION ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Deb Minardi, Deputy Probation Administrator for Community Corrections Programs, discussed a mental health grant received by Probation Administration that would fund co-occurring and mental health evaluations over a two year period. The grant would also allow funding for transportation, technology support for data collection, and judicial and staff training on mental health and co-occurring disorders. Projects funded by the grant can only be completed in pilot locations and are preliminarily located in areas with a reporting center.

PAROLE ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Anne Hansen, Deputy Probation Administrator, discussed the increase in parole population. There are currently 1100 parolees under supervision. Additional parole officers are being hired and office space is being expanded to meet the growing population of parolees. Parole and Probation are working on a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to share supervision of offenders predominately located in the larger territories that have fewer officers.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL REPORT

Linda Krutz, Executive Director, Council, gave an update on the activities of the Council. The Evaluation and Research Steering Committee has tentatively identified the Specialized Substance Abuse Supervision (SSAS) program as ready for an outcome evaluation. Funds from the Uniform Data Analysis Cash Fund will be used to correct data infrastructure problems within probation and parole so data can be retrieved for the SSAS evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2011, 9:00 a.m., at Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences, Lincoln, Nebraska.

There being no further business, at 11:47 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tia M. Bachman